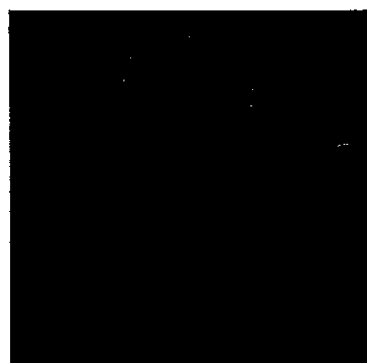


• Waverly's historic Burligton Depot, relocated to Wayne Park.

Important Dates in the History of Waverly

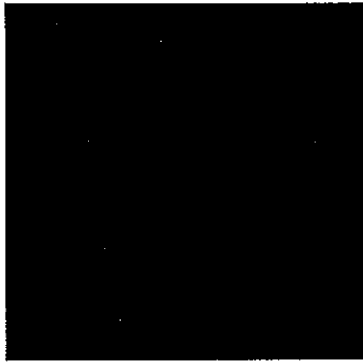
- 1854 Nebraska Territory is established
- 1857 J. Dee and D. Harrington take claims in the Northeast part of Lancaster County, near the present site of Waverly.
- 1867 Nebraska becomes a state.
- 1869 The rail bed is graded and rail laid for the Burlington and Missouri Railroad lines through the present site of Waverly.
- 1870 Waverly is surveyed and platted. John Green becomes the first settler.
- The new community receives its name from Sir Walter Scott's novel, Waverley. Names for the east-west streets are also inspired by Scott's novels. From south to north, the streets were named Mannering, Durward, Kenilworth, Robroy, and Ivanhoe. North-south streets were named for trees. From east to west they were Poplar, Cottonwood, Larch, Mulberry, Elm, and Ash.
- 1871 The depot is built after the railroad line reaches Lincoln. The depot quickly becomes the social center of the community with dances and other events held there.
- The Waverly School District is established.
- 1872 The first business is established by a blacksmith, John Berg.
- 1874 The state census records a population of 299 in the 33 square mile Waverly precinct.
- New businesses established include a store, elevator, lumber yard, and hotel.
- 1876 A meat market is established.
- 1878 Waverly consists of 24 buildings, including residences and businesses.
- 1880 During its first decade, the population in the precinct rises to 652, while the village grows to 132.
- Waverly ships 600 cars of grain and 50 cars of livestock.
- 1882 The Methodist Episcopal Church is organized and begins work on its first building



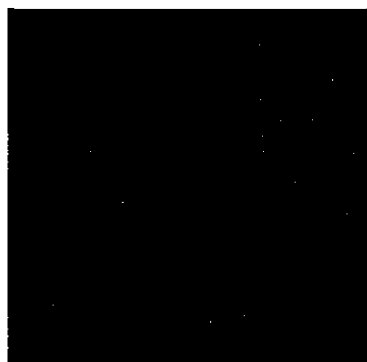
1882	In his book "A History of the State of Nebraska," A.T. Andreas writes that "about 12 miles northeast of Lincoln is the town of Waverly with its 225 people. Notwithstanding its proximity to the capital it does a good general business for a place of its size."
Mid 1880's	Waverly's businesses consist of 5 general stores, 3 blacksmith shops, 3 elevators, a hardware store, a drug store, a shoe shop, a harness shop, a bakery, a butcher shop, a hotel, a steam elevator, and a lumber yard.
1885	A petition to the county commission requests that Waverly be incorporated as a village. A brass band is established for the community's entertainment.
1886	The earliest social lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America, is established as an insurance social group.
1887	A fire destroys buildings east and north of the current site of the Lancaster County Bank.
1888	The Mitchell Post #38, Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic is established. The first telephone booth is installed in Waverly.
1890	Waverly is incorporated as a village. The Nebraska State Gazette and Business Directory lists Waverly's population at 450.
Early 1890's	The village faces difficult times. Heat destroys crops, while the area suffers an economic recession. A newspaper, the <u>Waverly Watchman</u> , begins publication. The village's water supply is from an elevated wood tank.
1892	The first private telephone is installed.
1900	After a decade of economic difficulties, the population of Waverly declines to 266. During his presidential campaign, William Jennings Bryan rides in the first car seen in Waverly.
1901	The village has a large Fourth of July celebration.
1909	A fire destroys the grain elevator.
1910	The population of Waverly increases to 297. The Havelock Electric Light and Power Company is granted a franchise to light the streets of Waverly. The east side of Main Street is damaged by fire.



1915	The Methodist Episcopal Church replaces its original structure with a brick building.
1916	John Munn begins weekly horse and mule sales in Waverly that attract buyers from throughout the midwest.
1918	The Waverly Consolidated Schools, District 145, is formed with the merger of the Waverly, Prairie Home, Walton, Eagle, and Alvo school districts.
1910's	A series of Lyceum Courses, similar to the Chautauqua movement, offers speakers and touring entertainers that perform at the old Town Hall.
1920	Waverly ends another decade of growth with its population increasing to 334. The Detroit-Lincoln-Denver Highway is moved from north to south of the railroad tracks. The D-L-D highway later becomes US Highway 6 through Waverly.
1921	The Waverly Consolidated Schools moves to a new brick building.
1922-26	With a constant flooding problem in the Salt Creek valley, a large dredge is used to straighten and deepen Salt Creek.
1923	The D.L.D. highway through Waverly is gravelled.
1929	The D.L.D highway is paved from Havelock to Camp Creek.
1930	Waverly's population declines slightly to 315.
1933	The Waverly Grange #369 is organized at the school. Grange lecture programs offer entertaining and educational programs. Grange activities boost morale during the depression years.
1930's	Dial Telephones are installed in Waverly. Natural gas distribution lines are installed through the area. Many local businesses close during the difficult depression years.
1940	Waverly's population declines slightly to 306.
1941	American Legion Post #204 is chartered along with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
1944	Brownie Manufacturing begins operation.
1950	Waverly's population declines slightly to 310.



1950	Burg Manufacturing begins operation. Later the company becomes National Crane Company.
1954	The Waverly Rural Fire District is formed to protect land in the Waverly, Stevens Creek, Lancaster, North Bluff, Rock Creek, and Mill Precincts. By 1993, the fire district covers 85 square miles.
1955	Beason Construction begins business. A new coop elevator is completed.
1956	Burg Manufacturing (later National Crane) manufactures its first crane. The firm constructs "The News" building.
1957	Waverly Feed, later to become B&B Grain, begins business.
1960	Waverly ends a period of growth as its population increases to 511.
1960-61	Interstate 80 is built between Gretna to the northeast and the Lincoln Airport to the southwest. With the construction of the interstate highway, Waverly becomes more accessible to Lincoln and begins a period of rapid growth.
1960's	A series of additions are made to the Waverly School.
1962	National Crane begins operation in its new plant.
1963	The United Methodist Church moves into a new stone building in South Waverly.
1968	A municipal building is constructed to serve the Waverly Fire Department and Waverly City Council. Hamilton International Inc. begins operation. Prairie Home Coop merges with Farmers Coop Co. of Waverly.
1969	The Peace Lutheran Church begins services.
1970	After a decade of rapid growth, Waverly has more than doubled its population to 1,152. A large celebration to note the town's centennial attracts many people to view the festivities.
Early 1970's	A new park (later named Wayne Park) is built on the west edge of Waverly with a lighted baseball diamond. The Camp Creek Threshers becomes an annual celebration that includes an antique machine show.
1971	A new grain elevator is built east of the city.



1972	Waverly changes its classification from a village to a city.
1973	Peace Lutheran Church moves to a new building in South Waverly.
	The Waverly Plaza Shopping Center is built on the west edge of the city.
1974	Hamlow Elementary school is built in South Waverly.
	A new city well is completed, expanding water supply service to accommodate the new growth in Waverly's subdivisions.
1975	The city swimming pool opens.
1976	The Waverly Bicentennial Commission celebrates the nation's 200th birthday. One of the group's projects is the restoration of the depot, which is moved to the city park. The relocated depot becomes the site of Independence Day activities.
	Trees are planted, playground equipment is installed, and the parking area is paved in the new city park.
	A second railroad line is built through the city adjacent to the existing tracks.
1980	Waverly ends another decade of significant growth by reaching a population of 1,726.
1980's	A viaduct is built over Highway 6 south of Waverly.
	Waverly Fest becomes an annual community celebration for the Fourth of July.
	New industries in Waverly include Lenco Manufacturing and Lincoln Welding. New businesses in the city include the Gas & Shop and a True Value hardware store.
1987	Waverly residents work together to attract a new nursing home.
1990	Waverly's population increases nearly 8% during the 1980's to a population of 1,869.
	Jaycee Park is completed.
	The Waverly Community Chamber of Commerce is established.
1994	Waverly completes a new comprehensive plan.